

ing room of one of our city churches on prayer-meeting night and witness the honest and earnest efforts of our people to draw his people out in religious talks, voluntary prayers and songs, and see them all without exception sit in their places as unresponsive as dead men in the ship's shrouds, without thinking of the frozen mariners and their helplessly drifting ship. Some of the proofs to which our Master pointed John's disciples of his Messiahship was that the "deaf hear and the dumb speak." When will our church people learn that these are unimpeachable credentials also of their character as true followers of that Messiah?

(1) Relying colored ministers who have had no educational advantages and who are unable or too old now to go to school, private lessons in theology and the Bible; also other needed studies when possible. They could get up a large class of such ministers in and around every town in the State that is of much size.

I know some able colored ministers who learned all they know about theology and sermonizing by taking private lessons from some white minister; and they say they would not exchange what they know about these subjects for that

with each other as to the meaning of certain portions of the lesson; and it mortifies are no little, knowing the great harm it does: (1) It deprives the children of the great benefits they might derive from the lesson; (2) It causes them, or some of them, to believe there is something wrong with the Bible. It is one of the best ways in the world to make infidels of the children. But, if they meet together on some night in the week, and had some one to explain the lesson to them, it would prevent this painful state of things.

I do talk for it. It does but little good. How can it? when there is but one lone man to contend against a legion. As fast as I build up six or eight preachers tear down instead of preaching the blessed gospel, certainly their congregations by abusing education and educated preachers. But I hope for better times among my people. If I only had a little help from some of you strong preachers. God would help me to bring out the best words on the subject of our Convention to work and especially the College. Please don't think I am disheartened or intend to shrink. I simply am not able just now. God bless you.

the circumstances, it would be improper for him to make a canvass, he is probably the second choice of every county in the State for Governor, and his nomination by the coming convention is regarded as inequivalent. In electing him Governor, we can considerably aid and kindly say to other worthy people, even in the remotest places, that it is not because we love them less, but it is because we love Mississippi more.

There should be gathered twice daily, that men may not break and learn to eat them.

What another scolding says, and consider." (Eds. S. B. R.)

SOME THOUGHTS.

It was reported, and the report was fully corroborated, that a certain Methodist minister not long since said in a sermon that Christ should not have died when he did, nor in the manner he did. He said that the Son of God should not have submitted to such a death.

Such expressions from the pulpit, certainly, can not cultivate in the part of the hearers, that is, in our

grown. R. F. MELVIN.
Camden, Miss. April, 22, 1889.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

An honest man is the work of the
pure and allwise Creator. But the
poor drunkard is the work of the
soul destroying dram-seller.

The success of the liquor traffic in
any country under the vaulted skyes
depends upon the patronage of the
people and the result is debased man-
hood, wronged womanhood and de-
framed childhood.

It holds a mortgage over every

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In Chattanooga, Tenn., on the 16th.

We observe with pleasure that our old friend and school mate Rev. J. D. West was elected one of the Secretaries. A strong but full effort was made to elect Dr. Withers, the recent evolutionist, to the high and honorable position of presiding officer or Moderator. We are glad to know that the Southern Presbyterians are not yet ready to give up the Bible and led by the grandson of a polio.

"Dr. Diaz of Cuba, reported at Memphis that the Archbishop has claimed that no person can be buried in the Catholic cemetery."

Hoping thereby to fill up the Baptist cemetery. But it is not more probable that it will cause the authorities to provide a public burial place and that the Catholics will in the end suffer the greatest loss. People sometimes "overcrop" themselves. "No weapon fashioned against thee shall prosper."

It requires no little cutting, grinding and polishing to prepare even the best of diamonds to exhibit its greatest value and give forth its first lustre. And no one but the skilled lapidary knows how best to apply the process and when the best results have been secured. Even so dear heart you even you may be a diamond, a precious jewel, in the hands of the heavenly artificer, and who like he, knows when the work is complete. A few more days or years at most, and then what fullness of joy.

We learn with sadness of the death of Dr. R. E. Hutchins of Greenville, Miss., late of Brownsville, Miss. The doctor was a useful citizen, a fine physician and an effective Christian helper. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn the loss of an affectionate and provident husband and father. He was in the prime of life being not quite 40 years old, with the prospect of a long life and great usefulness. With meekness we bow to the Divine mandate, and offer our tenderest sympathies to the bereaved family.

The next meeting of the S. B. Convention is to be with the Lord's people in Fort Worth, Texas. It may be upon the known broad liberality of Texas Baptists that the Convention ventured to invite the American Baptist Publication Society, to hold their next annual meeting at the same time and place. If Fort Worth can stand it the rest of us can, but such a convention would be high burst the sides out of any city east of the lone star State. "So far west!" Well perhaps you have forgotten Waco. But we'll all go, if that.

It is a dear good thing to withhold unfavorable criticisms on the preacher and sermon. If the preacher disappointed you in his manner and style and his sermon fell short of your expectation or even of your appreciation let it pass. If you don't find it in your power to say "It was a good sermon," don't say "It was a failure." There were many who heard it and doubtless thought it a good sermon. We have heard a discreet man for his opinion of a sermon, we had just listened to, when he replied, "I have learned not to measure a sermon by my judgment of what it should be," and we thought it a wise answer.

If we would be full grown Christians, and rounded out in Christian character we should do every good thing we have the capacity and opportunity to do. But even this is not a just limit, for we can if we will find noble opportunities, and with a little earnest effort we may considerably increase our capacity to do good. Let us remember that while the "one" talent was taken away on account of idleness the "two" gained other five." Only let us "occupy" well what we have till the Master comes and all will be well.

The question is often asked "can a person be a Christian and not have the Missionary Spirit?" And the emphasis employed seems to suggest the answer that he cannot. But are we not on the point of forgetting the doctrine of growth? "In the Christian life" are there not "stages in Christ" and after that, men and women of full stature? A "baby" is a little thing and must of necessity have larger proportions and have larger ideas. The main thing is to "grow in grace and a knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." And then the Missionary Spirit will grow also.

The performance which went forward in Jackson the other day called "the marriage of Bishop Thomas and daughter" and some anomalous features in it, not to say a fatal dilemma. If marriage is a civil contract and not ecclesiastical, then the young people were legally, morally, and effectively married in Cairo Ill., where under the sanction of the laws of that State they were declared to be husband and wife, and that being true it gives to the pompous ecclesiastical performance in Jackson the texture and coloring of a religious farce, not a very complimentary designation for a church ceremony. But if on the other hand marriage is an ecclesiastical or religious contract, then those young people were not married in Cairo and therefore were living in somewhat doubtful relations as to the time of their Jackson marriage. We wonder which marriage will be relied on as proof of legitimacy if that question should ever be raised in the future?

The Christian man who sees certain signs of rain in the near future, had his cotton bales rolled out from under the shed on pretense of using the room for some other purpose and then the next day after the rain had poured it off to market four or five pounds heavier on account of the rain, would have been mortally

offended had any one accused him of being a rogue. But does he not belong to the same gang that waters the milk and puts beans in the flour and in the sugar? The man who thus gets something for nothing is close kin to a thief.

NORTHERN BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES.

Boston, May, 17, '99.

In company with Prof. Harris, of Richmond College, I reached here in time to be at the opening of the Home Mission Society. The meetings of all societies are held in Tremont Temple. This is not strictly speaking a church house. It is an immense building with stores, and offices on the first floor and in different parts. The rents go largely to the support of the regular services.

The auditorium is capable of seating 2,500 or 3,000. There are two galleries around three sides of the building. The acoustics is so perfect that a word spoken in an ordinary tone is heard distinctly at the farthest part of the room. O for such a place for Baptists in every city.

Perhaps the greatest Baptist meeting ever held gathered last night in Mechanics Hall to celebrate the 73rd anniversary of the organization of the Baptist Missionary Union, 3,500 tickets were issued and all this vast concourse sang, prayed, heard and ate together. Memorable addresses were made by Dr. Hudson, son of Burman's great missionary, Drs. Henson and McArthur.

I can not tell the Bazaar's readers about the meeting of the Missionary Union, which corresponds to our Foreign Board with this exception that it has a separate constituency as has each of the other societies.

A Southerner sitting where I now am will notice and hear things out of keeping with his feelings. A brother layman, has just been talking about the "rebellion" in a way I would not. He was on one side during the war and I was on the other. At my right

